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SUBJECT: CHINA-JAPAN ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENT ON JSP  
ANTI-BASE POLICY

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1. ACCORDING TO AN OSI REPORT, CHANG HSIANG-SHAN, VP OF CHINA-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, TOLD A JAPANESE 30-MAN SAGAMIHARA WORKERS DELEGATION DURING VISIT TO PRC THAT JAPAN'S SOCIALIST PARTY'S (JSP) ADVOCACY OF UNARMED NEUTRALITY WAS "NONSENSE". FOLLOWING EXCERPTED FROM AFOSI DISTRICT 46 FUCHU JAPAN MESSAGE IIR NR: 1 653 0396 73 BASED ON "RELIABLE, MEDIUM-LEVEL GOJ OFFICIAL SOURCE'S REPORT" OF CHANG'S REMARKS OCT 9 TO SAGAMIHARA DELEGATION. (SAGAMIHARA IS US BASES EMPLOYEES' UNION.)

2. QUOTE: CHANG TOLD DELEGATES JSP ADVOCACY OF A POLICY OF UNARMED NEUTRALITY FOR JAPAN IS "NONSENSE". ACCORDING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LABOR DELEGATES, CHANG ADVISED, "WE ARE FRIENDS OF THE AMERICANS,"

ADDING THAT, "ARMAMENT WHICH LEADS TO SACRIFICE OF HUMAN LIFE IS DEVELOPMENT TO BE AVOIDED BUT ARMAMENT SOLELY FOR PURPOSE OF DEFENSE IS AN ACCEPTABLE FACT OF LIFE. WHO WILL DEFEND AIR OVER JAPAN OTHER THAN JAPANESE? JAPAN ALSO NEEDS TO STRENGTHEN ITS VIGILANCE IN REGARD TO REVISIONIST LINE TAKEN BY USSR."

3. CONTINUE QUOTE SAGAMIHARA WORKERS' DELEGATION, COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF WORKERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANTI-US ARMY TANK TRANSPORT MOVEMENT AT SAGAMIHARA INITIALLY NAMED ITSELF 'SAGAMIHARA ANTI-TANK STRUGGLE PARTICIPANTS' DELEGATION.' CHINESE SEEMED UNIMPRESSED AND IN FACT DEMANDED THAT TERMINOLOGY 'ANTI-TANK STRUGGLE' BE STRICKEN FROM INITIAL NAME ADOPTED BY DELEGATION. RATIONALE GIVEN FOR DEMAND WAS THAT ALTHOUGH US AND CHINA HAVE HAD GREAT DIFFERENCES, AND THAT WHILE THE CHINESE STILL CANNOT TRUST AMERICANS 100 PERCENT, AMERICANS ARE FRIENDS OF CHINESE. THE CHINESE THEN WENT ON TO SINGLE OUT IMPERIALISM OF USSR AS ENEMY OF CHINA. JAPANESE DELEGATES THUS DISCOVERED THAT CHINESE DID NOT SEEM TO THINK ANTI-TANK TRANSPORTATION STRUGGLE WAS OF ANY GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. DESPITE JAPANESE ATTEMPTS TO PROTRAY IT AS STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF NVN. UNQUOTE.

4. COMMENT: CHINA-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP ASSN., AS MAJOR PRC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS, IS SIGNIFICANT BELLWETHER OF PRC'S POLICIES TOWARD JAPAN. REMARKS, IF TRUE, WOULD BE CONSONANT WITH WAY FRIENDSHIP ASSN, LED BY PRESIDENT LIAO CHENG-CHIH, CONDUCTED ITSELF DURING MAY '73 VISIT TO JAPAN (REFTELS), AVOIDING CRITICISM OF US MILITARY PRESENCE IN JAPAN AND SHUNNING JCP AND OTHER MILITANT JAPANESE GROUPS. BESIDES SHOCKING WORKERS, CHANG'S REMARKS ON BASE ISSUE DEMONSTRATE AGAIN PEKING'S PERCEPTION THAT OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH JAPAN CANNOT BE OBTAINED UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES BY AGGRAVATING SENSITIVE QUESTION OF JAPAN'S SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH US.

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